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NATIONALISTS SAY CHINESE COMMUNISTS MAKE
NEW SECRET RR AGREEMENT WITH USSR

T'ai-pei, 24 January (Chung-lien She) -- The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China, in the early part of December 1951 signed another secret railway agreement with the USSR. According to this newly concluded agreement, the Chinese Communists will permit the USSR to make Lan-chou the center for connecting the Chinese railway system with the Turk-Sib railway. The agreement affects the following railways:

1. The Turk-Sib railway is to be extended across Sinkiang to Lan-chou. Surveys have been started over the whole line. Construction work has begun on the section between T'ia-ch'eng and Urunchi.
2. Surveys have been completed for the line between Lan-chou and Pao-t'ou. When constructed, it will connect with the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway and thereby with the Peiping-Mukden Railway which communicates with the whole Northeast rail network.
3. When the Lan-chou--Pao-chi section of the Lung-Hai Railway is completed, the Lan-chou--Pao-chi section is in progress.
4. From Lan-chou, branching off at T'ien-shui, there will be a line to Ch'eng-tu, from where it will be possible to proceed to Chungking and into Kweichow. Lan-chou then will be connected with the Hunan-Kweichow Railway from Chu-chou to Tu-yun via Hsiang-tan, Hsiang-hsiang, Hsin-hua, Hsu-p'u, Ch'ang-ch'i, Chih-chiang, Huang-hsien, Yu-p'ing, San-sui, Ling-sung, Sheng-ping, Shih-tung, K'ou, and Hsia-ssu-ch'ang/ and thus with all the railways of South and Southwest China. The Hunan-Kweichow Railway is already under construction.

Since November 1951 and up to early January 1952, more than 4,000 Soviet railway engineers and technicians have reached Lan-chow and other points to take on the responsibility for bringing this plan to realization.

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